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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT TO WASHINGTON

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 4815, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 1100, (C) NOUAKCHOTT 877,
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1. A WEEK HAS ELAPSED SINCE OUR ABIDJAN DISCUSSION ABOUT PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DESPITE OUR REQUEST FOR PROMPT TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS, COB MAY 14 HAS COME AND GONE--AND STILL NO RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON. IN TEN DAYS, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WILL BE DEPARTING FOR OTTAWA. 8,000 MILES FROM WASHINGTON, MATTER NO LONGER APPEARS TO BE QUESTION OF COMPETING SCHEDULE DEMANDS OR OF FOREIGN POLICY OR OF BUILDING A REALTIONSHIP WITH AFRICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BUT ONE OF COMMON COURTESY TO ANOTHER FRIENDLY HUMAN BEING.

2. IF PERSISTENT DELAY IN INSTRUCTIONS STEMS FROM A CONTINUING HOPE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO SO INFORM THE MAURITANIAN CHIEF OF STATE.

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3. IF NEGATIVE DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED OR IF THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF A WHITE HOUSE MEETING, I SHOULD APPRECIATE A NEGATIVE INSTRUCTION SOONEST. AT THIS LATE DATE, EACH DAY THAT PASSES WITHOUT SOME RESPONSE FROM US MAKES USG AND US AMBASSADOR IN MAURITANIA APPEAR MORE INEPT. AND UNLESS ULTIMATE RESPONSE IS AFFIRMATIVE, EACH PASSING DAY COSTS US JUST THAT MUCH MORE IN PERSONNAL

AND OFFICIAL GOODWILL.

4. FORTUNATELY FOREIGN MINISTER WAS OFF IN TRIPOLI WHEN
I RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT. BUT "MOMENT OF TRUTH" COMES WITH
HIS RETURN NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MAY 20.

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